

Superintendents Webcast

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### Welcome

Jason E. Glass, Ed.D., Commissioner of Education and Chief Learner

### **KDE Communications Updates**

Toni Konz Tatman, KDE Chief Communications Officer, Office of the Commissioner

### Update on ARP ESSER Funding

Robin Kinney, KDE Associate Commissioner, Office of Finance and Operations

### **Information About Lead Sampling Program**

Gabriel Tanner, Division of Water, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

### **Purpose in Action**

Gretta Hylton, KDE Associate Commissioner, State Director of Special Education, Office of Special Education and Early Learning and Others

## **Activity With Superintendents**

Jason E. Glass, Ed.D., Commissioner of Education and Chief Learner and

**Robb Smith** 

**Question and Answer Session** 

KDE Leadership

(Submit Questions via Google Form)





KDE Communications
Updates

Toni Konz Tatman

KDE Chief Communications Officer

Office of the Commissioner



## Kentucky United We Learn Council to Hold First Meeting

- KDE released the names of the 70 people who have been asked to serve on the new Kentucky United We Learn Council. Their first meeting will be Nov. 29-30 and will be livestreamed on the <u>KDE</u> Media Portal.
- The council will support the three big ideas of United We Learn, the state's vision for the future of public education in Kentucky.
- We invite you to participate in the United We Learn KY journey, sharing examples of meaningful learning and engagement in your community and schools by using our hashtag #UnitedWeLearnKY and following @UnitedWeLearnKY on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.





## Owensboro's Charlotte Buskill Receives Milken Award

- Charlotte Buskill, a 3rd-grade teacher at Newton Parrish Elementary School (Owensboro Independent), was celebrated on Nov. 10 as the latest Kentucky educator to receive the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.
- Buskill was presented with the award, which includes a \$25,000 unrestricted cash prize, in a surprise ceremony at her school that included students, faculty, and district and community leaders.
- The award was presented by Commissioner Jason E. Glass, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman and Milken Educator Awards Senior Vice President Jane Foley.





## Owensboro Innovation Academy representing Kentucky in 2022 National Christmas Tree display

- Owensboro Innovation Academy joins 57 other schools across the country in creating one-of-a-kind ornaments for the National Christmas Tree display on the Ellipse in President's Park in front of the White House.
- The ornaments will adorn 58 smaller trees that surround the National Christmas Tree, which represents each U.S. state, territory and the District of Columbia as part of the America Celebrates display.
- Dyana Newton, Owensboro innovation Academy English facilitator, said her graphic design students were used to displaying their artwork locally and were grateful for the chance to do so nationally.
- Read more on Kentucky Teacher.





## New accessible playground unveiled at KSB

- A new accessible playground for students was unveiled at the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) in Louisville on Nov. 10.
- The park was the idea of KSB 4th-grader Anthony Brettnacher, who was given the opportunity to work with the Make-A-Wish Foundation in 2018 after he was diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- The playground includes several features to make it more accessible for students at KSB.
- The COVID-19 pandemic caused delays with the construction and inflation caused further issues with financing, but crews were finally able to break ground in August.



## Nominations Open for 2024 Kentucky Teacher of the Year

- Nominations are now being accepted for the 2024 Kentucky Teacher Awards.
- Any full-time public school teacher in the state with at least three years of experience is eligible.
- Nominations may be submitted via <u>this Google</u>
   Form.
- Teachers may be nominated by students, parents, teaching peers, principals, superintendents or anyone from the community who has an interest in honoring an outstanding educator.





## Nominations Open for KBE's 2022 Kevin C. Brown Award

- The Kentucky Board of Education is accepting nominations for the 2022 Kevin C. Brown Strategic Priority Award.
- The award is named for Kevin C. Brown, who served the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in various roles from 2004 to 2018. Most recently, Brown served as the interim commissioner of education from December 2019 to September 2020.
- The 2022 award seeks to recognize a person, group, organization, district, school or postsecondary institution who, through policy and practice, makes it a top priority to champion United We Learn.





# KDE asked our School Superintendents:

How did you know your COVID-19 recovery efforts were having an impact on students and families?





Update on ARP ESSER Funding

Robin Kinney

**KDE** Associate Commissioner

Office of Finance and Operations



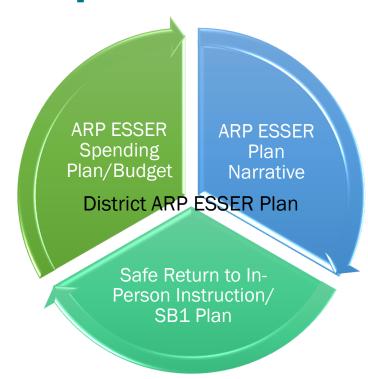


# **District ESSER Updates**

**ARP ESSER Components CARES Late Liquidation** 

## **Annual District ARP ESSER Plan Update**

- The District ARP ESSER Plan has three components:
  - Spending Plan/Budget
  - ➤ Local Education Agency (LEA) ARP ESSER Plan Narrative
  - ➤ Safe Return to In-Person Instruction/SB 1 plan
- KDE needs to perform an annual alignment check to ensure the three components of the ARP ESSER plans continue to align.
- Monitoring has revealed a need for updates in some districts.
- Districts are required to update all three components of the ARP ESSER Plan.
- KDE is moving the collection of two components into GMAP to streamline review, facilitate approval and simplify future updates.
- Ensure the district web links are correct and accessible and easily reported to U.S.
   Department of Education.





## **District ARP ESSER Plan**

- Districts will update all components and load into GMAP by Nov. 28.
- All components of the ARP ESSER Plan will be contained within GMAP:
  - ➤ Districts will upload the updated LEA ARP ESSER Plan Narrative and Safe Return to In-Person Instruction/Senate Bill (SB) 1 Plan.
  - > Districts will update the ARP ESSER Plan Budget in GMAP.
  - ➤ Districts will provide the URLs where the LEA ARP ESSER Plan Narrative and Safe Return to In-Person Instruction/SB 1 Plans are posted on the district website.



**Reminder:** Districts must <u>post and maintain</u> the ARP ESSER Plan Narrative and the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction/SB 1 Plan in an easily accessible location on their website.



# KDE Review, Feedback and Approval

- The KDE Title I consultants will review the information to check for alignment among the three components and provide feedback.
- The goal is to help districts remain in compliance (i.e. reasonable, necessary and allocable).
- Title I consultants will begin review of district plans on Nov. 28.
- Review comments and approval will follow normal procedures for other federal programs.
- A system-generated email will be sent to the ARP ESSER director and district finance officer when KDE status changes in GMAP. Review comments documented in Checklist.

Emails generated by GMAP will be sent from GMAP.NoReply@eGrantsManagement.com



# **Questions?**

- Questions about GMAP
  - ➤ Jennifer Baker <a href="mailto:kdegmap@education.ky.gov">kdegmap@education.ky.gov</a>

- Questions about District ARP ESSER Plans
  - ➤ David Millanti <u>david.millanti@education.ky.gov</u>



# **Closing ESSER I Funds**

# **ESSER I – Key Dates**

Action	Date
End of ESSER I Period of Performance ESSER I Funds must be Obligated	September 30, 2022
Submit Final ESSER I Federal Cash Request to Ken Green	November 18, 2022
KDE Completes Processing of ESSER I Federal Cash Requests	December 30, 2022
All ESSER I Funds must be Liquidated	January 23, 2023
Possible Liquidation Extension (14 months maximum)	April 1, 2024



# ESSER I Funds Must Have Been Obligated by Sept. 30, 2022

If the obligation is for -	The obligation is made
a) Acquisition of real or personal property	On the date on which the State or subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to acquire the property.
b) Personal services by an employee of the State or subgrantee	When the services are performed.
c) Personal services by a contractor who is not an employee of the State or subgrantee	On the date on which the State or subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to obtain the services.
d) Performance of work other than personal services.	On the date on which the State or subgrantee makes a binding written commitment to obtain the work.
e) Public utility services	When the State or subgrantee receives the services
f) Travel	When the travel is taken
g) Rental of real or personal property	When the State or subgrantee uses the property
h) A pre-agreement cost that was properly approved by the Secretary under the cost principles in 2 CFR part 200, Subpart E - Cost Principles	On the first day of the grant or subgrant performance period



# **ESSER Allowable Expenditures**

- Is the use of funds intended to prevent, prepare for or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including its impact on the social, emotional, mental health and academic needs of students?
- Is it **necessary and reasonable** for the performance of the ESSER award and in compliance with Uniform Grant Guidance, 2 CFR 200?
- Does the use of funds fall under one of the **authorized uses** of ESSER funds, including the 20 activities listed in <u>ESSER FAQ A-3</u>, dated May 26, 2021?

## **USED Communications Re: Liquidation Extension**

<u>Letter dated May 13, 2022,</u> Re: Late Liquidation of ARP ESSER Funds

- Urges districts to act with urgency when using ARP ESSER dollars in schools and classrooms — to meet the immediate needs of students and to address the long-term impact of the pandemic on academic growth and student mental health
- Discourages use of ARP ESSER funds for new construction
- Reminds that overall purpose of the ARP ESSER program is "to prevent, prepare for and respond to" COVID-19
- States liquidation extension requests will be considered closer to the end of the obligation period



# USED Communications Re: Liquidation Extension (Cont.)

Letter dated Sept. 29, 2022, Re: ESSER I (CARES Act) obligations:

- Liquidation period may be extended for properly obligated funds upon review of a written request made by a grantee (KDE) on its own behalf or on behalf of its subgrantees (districts)
- Liquidation extension request process and template
- CARES Act (ESSER I funds) ONLY

MAY foreshadow the future process for ESSER II and ARP ESSER, but there is no guarantee.



# **ESSER I Liquidation Extension Process**

- KDE must request the extension on behalf of itself and districts
- If approved by USED, it will extend the LIQUIDATION period by 14 months (beyond the 120-day liquidation period) to April 1, 2024
- KDE must attest to USED that:
  - ✓ The LEA is a low-risk entity.
  - ✓ Will conduct oversight of the subgrantees throughout the extension
  - ✓ Expenses to be liquidated are allowable under ESSER I
  - ✓ KDE will maintain documentation to support the expenditures' timely obligation
- Districts will be required to report liquidation information to KDE throughout the liquidation period



## If More Time is Needed

- KDE is the ONLY entity that can request an extension of ESSER I liquidation period
- Contact Thelma Hawkins ASAP to discuss potential need for a liquidation extension of ESSER I funds
- If you choose to pursue a late liquidation, documentation, risk assessment, obligation certifications, etc., will be required before and during the extension period
- Contact Ken Greene if more time is needed to submit the final ESSER I federal cash request



## Reminder: Disposition of ESSER I Funded Items

- Real property and equipment acquired or improved with ESSER funds must be appropriately insured
- Districts must consult with KDE before disposing of items. KDE may have to consult with USED before disposition
- Applies to items provided through ESSER Equitable Services as well as items used by districts
- Different rules for items valued at less than \$5,000 and more than \$5,000



# **Questions about ESSER I Liquidation Extensions**

- Thelma Hawkins (<u>Thelma.Hawkins@education.ky.gov</u>)
- Ken Greene (<u>Ken.Greene@education.ky.gov</u>)
- Karen Wirth (<u>karen.wirth@education.ky.gov</u>)
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Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Childcare Facilities Program



To Protect and Enhance Kentucky's Environment

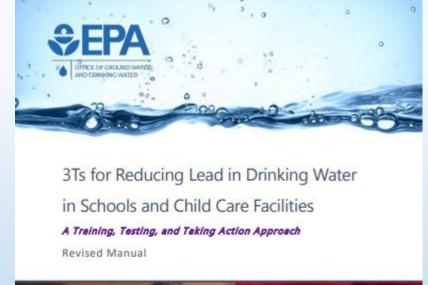
## **Items We Will Cover**

- What is the WIIN grant program?
- How to sign up?
- Benefits to schools?



# Water Infrastructure Improvements for the National (WIIN) Grant Program

- WIIN Act passed in 2016
- Authorized EPA to award grants to states to assist with voluntary lead sampling in schools and childcare facilities
- Utilizes 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Childcare Facilities
  - Developed program by EPA to assist schools and childcare facilities with a focus on:
    - <u>Training</u> Education on sources of lead and health effects of lead
    - <u>T</u>esting Identify potential problems with lead through sampling
    - <u>Taking Action</u> Implementing a plan to reduce lead
    - Communications Establish partnerships and keeping public informed





ENVIRONMENT CABINET

# Kentucky's WIIN Grant Program

- Division of Water was awarded WIIN grant funds by EPA to coordinate a statewide voluntary lead program for schools and childcare facilities
- Funds from the WIIN grant can be used for sampling, educational purposes and remediation guidance
- DOW has partnered with Kentucky Rural Water Association to perform sampling
- Prioritizes:
  - Disadvantaged, low-income communities
    - Schools or childcare facilities with free or reduced lunch programs for 50% of children
  - Elementary schools and childcare facilities with students age 6 or younger
  - Facilities built prior to 1986
    - SDWA amendments in 1986 prohibited the use of pipe, solder or flux in public water systems that is not "lead free"
  - Utilizes 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Childcare Facilities

### Goals

- Provide robust, appropriate educational materials to all stakeholders
- Provide remediation guidance and assistance to all schools and childcare facilities
- Provide sound decision-making at schools and daycare facilities based on sampling and analyses
  - Below 15 ppb is the goal for sampling
  - True goal is 0 ppb (or non-detect)
  - Treatment techniques and remediation measures for samples that have values between 0 and 15 ppb <u>and</u> for samples above 15 ppb



# Kentucky's WIIN Grant Program (Cont.)

## Education

- Educational materials are available that provide lead in drinking water information to children, parents, school administrators, daycare facilities and public water systems
- Useful guidance materials to increase participation and interest, and assist in helping facilities make educated decisions
- Alternatives for immediate operational assistance, short-term and long-term remediation will be identified



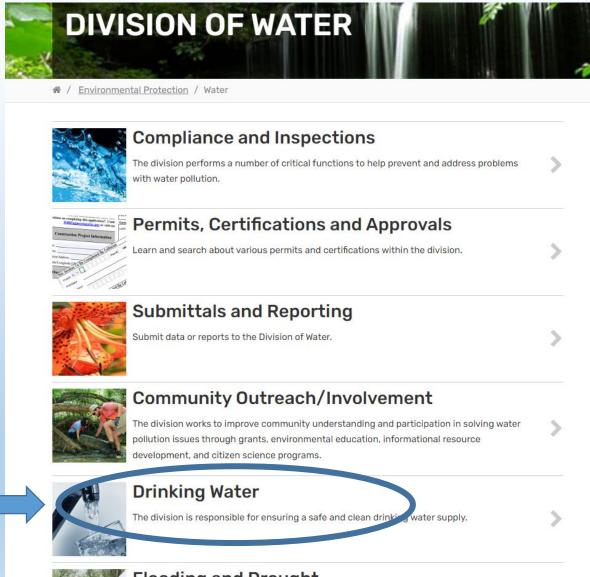
# Kentucky's WIIN Grant Program (Cont. 2)

- Sampling
  - Surveys used to gauge school and daycare facility interest
  - Additional meeting between school and DOW will be scheduled
  - DOW and KRWA perform testing in schools and childcare facilities
    - Inventory site visit
      - Identify drinking water outlets to be sampled
    - Sampling site visit
      - Collect water samples at all drinking water outlets using approved method
      - Training provided to school, PWS and other interested stakeholders
    - Samples analyzed at Kentucky's Environmental Services Lab
      - \* Results made public
  - Sampling begins in 2023
    - Participation is voluntary, total number of schools could vary
    - Schools can sign up now
  - Schools and childcare facilities may identify and remedy known issues proactively (before sampling occurs) by implementing flushing plans for when they are out of school, replacing any known fixtures, etc.
    - See <u>EPA's 3Ts</u> for guidance

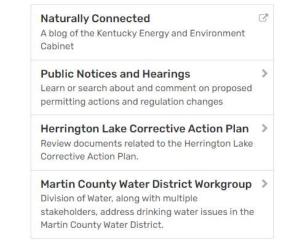


# **How to Sign Up?**

To start, go to the Division of Water's homepage.



### News



### How do I....

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Flooding and Drought

# How to Sign Up? (Cont.)

You can find DOW's Lead
 Sampling Program under the
 Drinking Water page on
 DOW's website.



# / Environmental Protection / Water / Drinking Water

The Division of Water (DOW) is responsible for regulating public water systems to ensure public health protection. A public water system provides drinking water to at least 15 service connections or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. There are 435 public water systems in Kentucky. Approximately 95% of Kentuckian's have access to public drinking water.



#### Information for Consumers

Where can I get information on my tap water? Access basic information and learn about lead in drinking water, "Right-to-Know" provisions, emergency preparedness, and public participation.



#### Information for Water Treatment Professionals

Find information for Compliance, Technical Assistance, Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP), and Capacity Development.



#### Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a widely used group of chemicals that have been found in the environment and may have harmful health effects. Researchers and state and federal agencies continue to investigate the potential health effects, levels of PFAS in the environment, and management options.



#### Private Well Owners

Private well owners are responsible for the safety of their water. This website helps educate well owners on water wells, groundwater, and information on protecting their health.



#### Source Water Protection

Are you interested or concerned about our drinking water? What are the threats to our drinking water? Where does our drinking water come from? What is susceptibility analysis? Find the answers to these questions and more...



### Kentucky's Lead in Drinking Water Reduction Program

The Kentucky Division of Water is coordinating a voluntary lead sampling program for schools and childcare facilities. A federal grant from EPA under the 2016 Water

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# **How to Sign Up? (Cont.)**



# / Environmental Protection / Water / Drinking Water / Voluntary Lead Testing in Schools

## Kentucky's Lead in Drinking Water Reduction Program

The Kentucky Division of Water is coordinating a voluntary lead sampling program for schools and childcare facilities. A federal grant from EPA under the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act) will fund the program.

The program will offer schools and childcare facilities free lead testing and give educational and remedial guidance for reducing potential lead exposure in drinking water from those facilities.

### Why Participate?

Lead is a toxic metal that, even at low exposure levels, could lead to potential adverse health effects. While lead typically isn't found in sources of drinking water, it can enter drinking water from plumbing materials such as lead pipes in distribution systems, fixtures and faucets.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, there is no current requirement for schools and childcare facilities to be tested.

Revisions to the Safe Drinking Water Act will likely include requirements that require sampling in schools and childcare facilities. The earliest required sampling will likely be in October 2024.

Children of a young age are most vulnerable to the risks posed by lead toxicity. Therefore, EPA has developed guidance criteria for lead sampling in schools and childcare facilities known as the % 3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities.

The 3Ts program is the foundation of Kentucky's program and focuses on the following core principles:

- . Training education on sources of lead and health effects of lead
- · Testing identify potential problems with lead through sampling
- · Taking Action implementing a plan to reduce lead
- · Communication establish partnerships and keeping the public informed

### Am I eligible?

Any public school or licensed childcare facility in Kentucky that was built prior to 2014 can apply for participation in Kentucky's Lead in Drinking Water Reduction Program. Prioritization for the awards will be based upon the following factors:

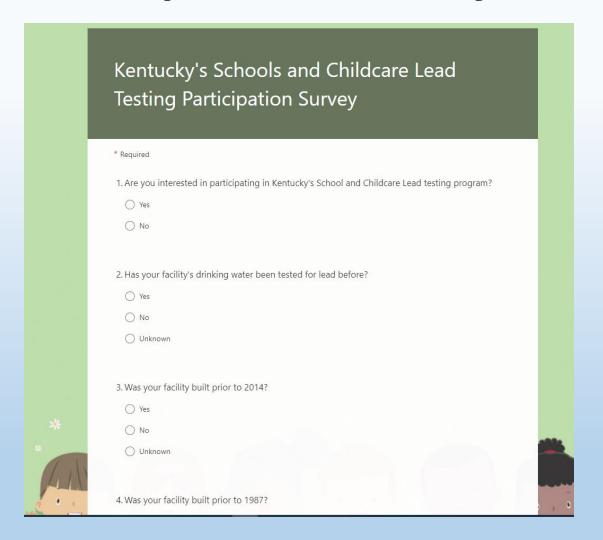
· Disadvantaged, low-income communities

Kentucky's Schools and Childcare Lead 
Testing Participation Survey

 Signing up opens the door to the sampling process.
 Additional engagement between the school and DOW will be scheduled prior to any scheduling of a sampling date.



# **Participation Survey**



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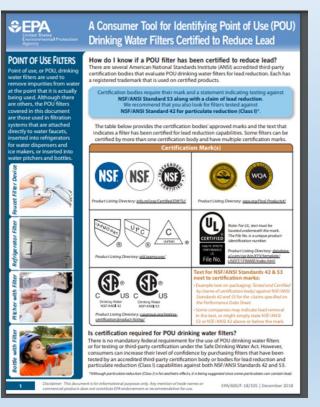
### Kentucky's WIIN Grant Program

- Remediation guidance
  - Remediation guidance resources will be made available to any school or childcare facility participating in the program
    - Operational Flushing guidance, designating drinking water outlets
    - Point of use filters
    - Replacement of fixtures/water coolers
    - PWS source water quality
  - DOW will be providing resources throughout sampling process

#### Example:

A water faucet has been sampled and the result identifies lead. It is determined that there is a component in the plumbing that contains lead and therefore the facility wants to install a point of use (POU) filter.





# How does the WIIN Grant Program Benefit a School?

#### Lead and Copper Rules Revisions

- 141.92 Monitoring for lead in schools and childcare facilities.
  - All community water systems must conduct directed public education and lead monitoring at the schools and childcare facilities they serve if those schools or childcare facilities were constructed prior to Jan. 1, 2014, or the date the state adopted standards that meet the definition of lead free in accordance with Section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended by the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act, whichever is earlier.
  - By the compliance date Oct. 16, 2024, each water system must compile a list of schools and childcare facilities served by the system.
  - Five samples per school and two samples per childcare facility at outlets typically used for consumption shall be collected.



# How does the WIIN Grant Program Benefit a School? (Cont.)

- Benefits to the School
  - 2023 and 2024 lead sampling is handled by the WIIN grant program
  - Comprehensive sampling of drinking water outlets in schools
    - Same sampling method
      - 250 ml bottle
      - First draw
      - 8-18 hour stagnation
  - Early education provided to schools by DOW and KRWA
    - Also can work with PWS
  - Mitigation guidance from DOW/KRWA throughout process
    - Potential funds available for mitigation



### **Kentucky WIIN Grant Program**

- Recap:
  - No safe level of lead
  - Program focuses on education, remediation guidance, implementation based on sampling
    - Educational materials and remediation guidance prepared prior to sampling
    - Messaging and remediation techniques dependent upon sample results
  - Identify potential problem drinking water outlets in schools and daycare facilities
  - Provide educational opportunities for children, parents, schools, daycares and the community as whole
  - Preparation for Revised Lead and Copper Rule (LCRR)
    - Water systems potentially begin conducting testing in schools/childcare facilities in 2024, pre-emptive action is good
  - \$15 billion over five years for lead pipe replacement projects identified in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021



#### **Questions?**

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# Purpose in Action

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Diane Hatchett, Berea Superintendent

Jennifer Whitt, Berea Director of Special Education

Tom Cook, Community Lead Consultant

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Heather Jenkins, Parker Hannifin Representative

Jess Estridge, Berea Makerspace Representative





Partnerships, Postsecondary

A partnership of Business, Education & Community to create career opportunities for all Kentuckians

**Transition and Positive** 

**Outcomes** 



Investing in Kentucky's Future, One Student at a Time











# Purpose

The purpose of the program is to promote visibility of individuals with disabilities among their classmates, in their community and with local businesses.

# Action

Creating a program that encourages business, education and the community to provide real solutions for people with disabilities in the work force







# Who does it benefit?

#### **Students and Adults with Disabilities**

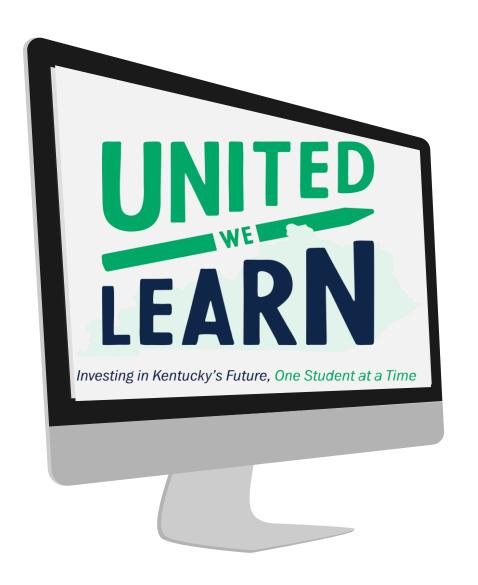
This program will allow individuals with disabilities greater access to work certification and employment opportunities in their local communities

#### **Current and Future Employees**

Like an automatic door that you press a button to open, simplifying a process for disabilities will make work easier for everyone.



# Partners

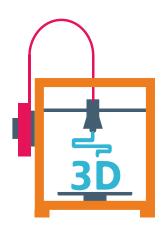


The Kentucky Department of Education has partnered with two organizations to make this program possible. This year's organizations are:



# BERED MAKERSPACE

This year's program is being hosted by Parker Hannifin, with additional community manufacturing support provided by the Berea Makerspace for more sophisticated projects developed by the Purpose in Action (PIA) teams.



# Other Networking Partners











#### Parker At-A-Glance

#### The Global Leader in Motion and Control Technologies (NYSE:PH)

Fortune 250



3,000+
Product lines



\$15.86 Billion
In global revenue



460,000+
Customers worldwide



55,000+
Team members worldwide





GLASS MAKING

# BERED MAKERSPACE

TRADITIONAL SKILLS

3D PRINTING METAL FABRICATION BUSINESS COMPUTER PROGRAMMING WOODWORKING MUSIC **ELECTRONICS** ARTISTS \* WELDING **ENGINEERING** 3D DESIGN LASER D CNC









Woodford County High School













Berea Community High School

#### **UNITED WE LEARN**



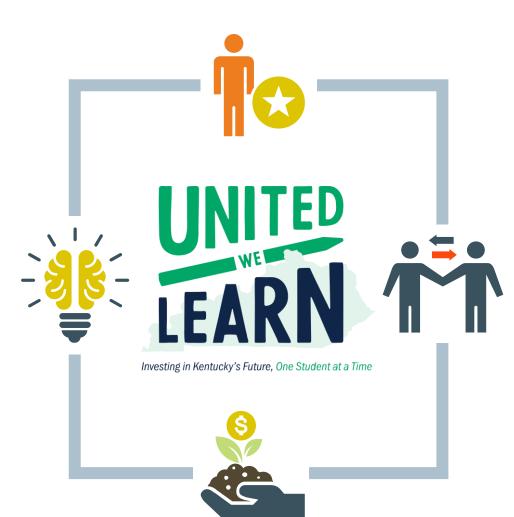
#### **Vibrant Experiences**

The program develops a whole school approach creating visibility for students with disabilities while incorporating ALL students for positive post-school preparation.



#### Innovative Ideas/Strategies

All students will be utilizing
STEAM principles, Universal
Design, proven business practices
and focusing specifically on
accessibility and inclusion.





#### **Community Involvement**

Community driven project that enhances students' skills and training, networking opportunities, and disability advocacy that directly prepare them for future endeavors.



#### **Investment**

Through OSEEL's American Rescue
Plan funding, this challenge is
designed to address the impact of the
COVID-19 pandemic on
postsecondary transition for students
with disabilities.

# KENTUCKY TEACHER

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Kentucky school districts, Fortune 250 employer celebrate National

Disability Employment Awareness Month



A group of students from Berea Independent listen as Crystal Moberly, an employee at Parker Hannifin Inc., shows them the types of O-rings produced in the factory. Berea and Woodford County are the first two districts participating in the inaugural Purpose in Action Design Challenge, which is a partnership

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November is 
#FamilyLiteracyMonth!

@KYCommishGlass encourage: 
Kentuckians to participate in 
the effort to help our... 
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"Schools provide [meals] because it's hard to learn on an empty stomach. We provide health services because childre...

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The project provides newsletters that are shared internally and externally with our partner organizations. Recognition of the project via community social media, internal company distribution and education channels have allowed us to reach a large audience and bolster organizations interested in providing support to the program.



This October, Parker Hannifin kicked off the inaugural Purpose in Action Challenge by inviting participating schools to tour the Lexington OES manufacturing facility and learn about the products and processes. The students, with the help of partnering organizations, will design and create a manufacturing prototype work cell that will allow individuals with a range of disabilities the opportunity for a career at Parker. Next spring, the designs will be judged and the winning school will earn a monetary award to purchase new technology that will benefit all students. The designs will then be reviewed by Parker for production and each participating school will receive a disability ready manufacturing work cell for training and work accreditation for all students in their district.



Glynis Walker explains the sorting and inspection process to students. This area will be the focus of the challenge to create a work cell designed for individuals with disabilities to operate



A revolutionary approach to better accommodate the broad range of needs individuals with disabilities have in order to succeed in the workplace. This program allows business, education, and the community to provide real solutions by utilizing the creativity of local students with support from institutions across the state to create work ready solutions.



Parker Hannifin strives to create a workforce made up of the most talented individuals from our local communities. We are excited to partner with OSEEL, Berea Makerspace, and EKU to create this opportunity for our next generation to help build the future of work in manufacturing that is inclusive for everyone.

Doug Vanlue, General Manager, Parker Hannifin OES



Eastern Kentucky University Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Department is committed to empowering the lives of individuals, groups, and communities through participation in meaningful and desired occupation.



Christina Thielman shows students parts from the molding process during her demonstration



# What is the



challenge?

Design and create a prototype work cell for individuals with disabilities



### How It Works

The program is broken down into steps so that students learn skills in each module to apply to the project. Each module consists of a:



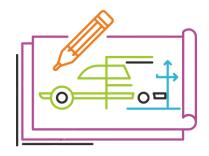
#### Lesson

A presentation of the information



**Questions and Answers** 





#### **Activity**

Application of the lesson



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The Accessible Design Challenge

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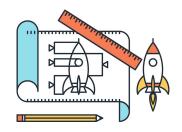
**Disabilities** 

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**Problem Solving** 





**Prototyping** 



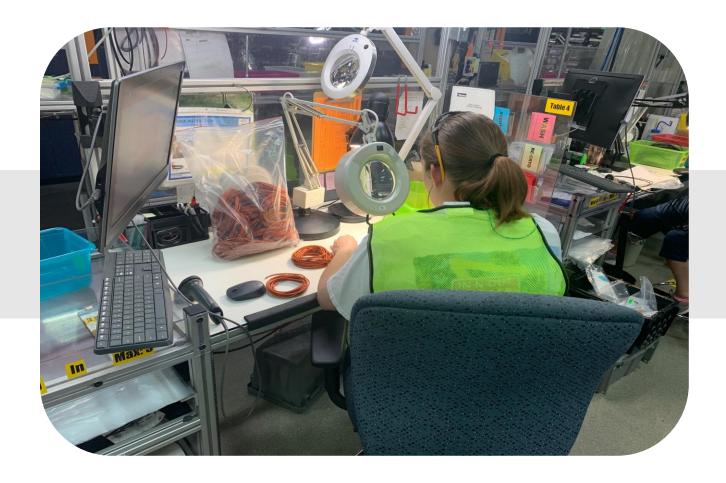


Final Design & Presentation



# Sorting Work Cell

Sorting is a currently a manual process step completed by an operator. Quality and speed of the step is based on operator skill and training.



O-rings are visually inspected by an operator for defects, counted and bagged to be sent for final inspection

A wide array of defects can be present in the O-rings, including size, extra or missing material and other defects.

The current process steps need to be simplified and semi automated for disability accommodation



The types of recognized disabilities

Common challenges for individuals with a disability

Unseen challenges for individuals with a disability

How can we design to create a more inclusive world?

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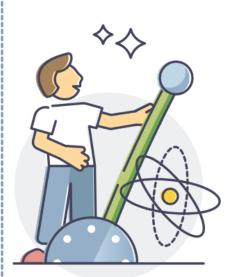












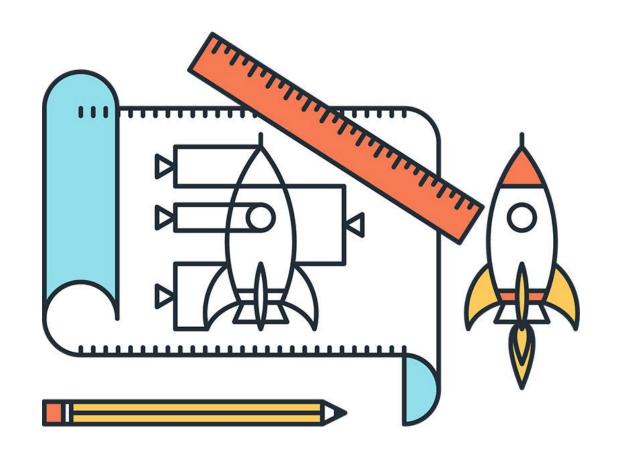
**DEFINE** 

**MEASURE** 

**ANALYZE** 

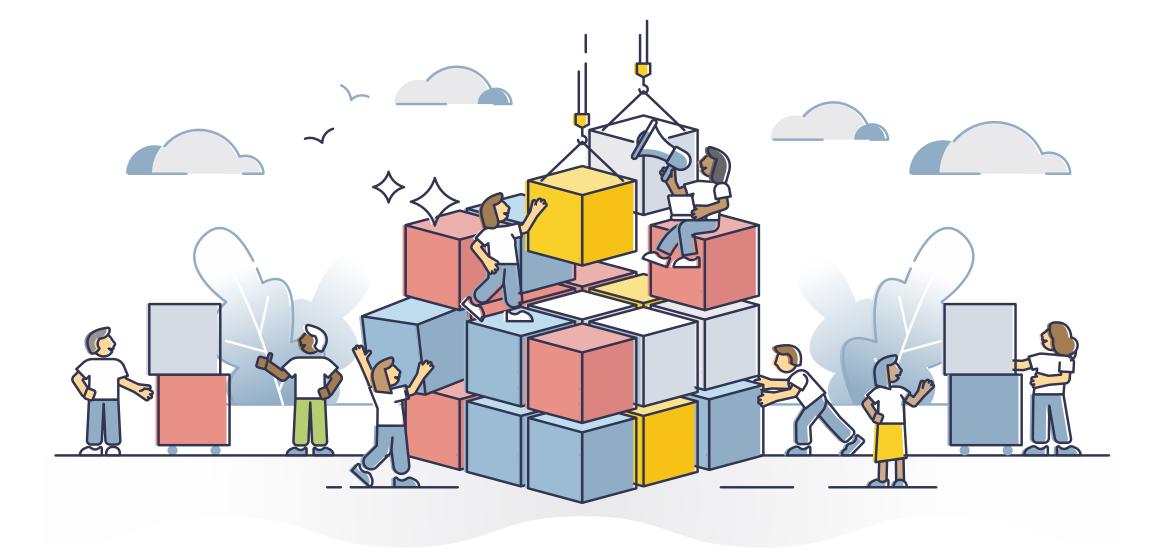
**IMPROVE** 

**CONTROL** 



Using the ideas created from the DMAIC
Process we will start creating and testing prototypes from the participating PIA teams

# PROTOTYPING



# FINAL DESIGN



## **Project Timeline**



#### September- October

Program Kickoff in Schools

Program Partner Introduction

Parker and Berea Makerspace tours

Project Challenge Introduction



#### January-March

Prototyping Continues

Testing of Prototypes

Changes to prototypes

Create final design



#### June-After

Designs moved to Parker

Parker Engineering starts design

Work cell tested in production

Work cells delivered to schools

Disability Module

DMAIC Module

Parker Tollgate Presentation

Begin Prototyping



#### **November-December**

Finish Final Design

Present Final Design To Parker and KDE

Judging and selection of winner

Winning school is announced, and awards are presented







# Activity With Superintendents

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